A COUPLE MONTHS BACK...
HM?
IT SEEMED LIKE YOU'D BE SINGLE FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE, HIMARI,
SO WE TALKED ABOUT TESTING YOUR COURAGE WITH A CONFESSION, REMEMBER?
Waiting their turn
AH... WE SURE DID.
Brings back memories.
BUT,
THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY ABOUT THAT ANYMORE, IS THERE?
All done! You're adorable! Your boyfriend won't stand a chance!
W-Won't stand a chance?!
THAT'S RIGHT.
SO, I WAS THINK-ING...

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...THE ONES WHO ARE GOING TO REMAIN SINGLE ARE THE TWO OF US, HUH?
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OH, SO IT WAS ICE CREAM?
He shared with you?
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BUT KAI -KUN'S ACTUALLY REALLY DENSE, ISN'T HE?
WE CAN HEAR YOUR INNER TURMOIL, YOU KNOW.
Indirect kiss
GET A GRIP ON YOURSELF, YAE!!
WELL...
WHAT IS IT?
UN- LESS...
NO WAY...

A li... little girl?!
IF HE'S NOT THINK-ING ABOUT YOU AS A WOMAN, THEN...
IT'S LIKE HE'S TREAT-ING YOU AS A LITTLE GIRL?

Mascot mask
YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY THINK HE...
Sharing ice cream
W-
WELL, I AM ON THE SHORT SIDE, BUT...

HUH?
BUT THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY!
AFTER ALL, WHERE ARE WE HEAD-ING RIGHT NOW?
...

YOU'RE OLDER, SO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR WOMANLY ALLURE AND SHOW HIM A DIFFERENT SIDE OF YOURSELF!
IF YOU DO THAT, I'M SURE KAI-KUN WON'T BE ABLE TO TREAT YOU LIKE A LITTLE GIRL ANYMORE!
To prevent imaginations from running wild, a photomontage is shown.

Text: Utterly confused
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W-
WOMANLY... ALLURE?
SEDUCE... HIM?

Ehe~ ♡
There you go stirring things up again...

T-
TO THE FIRE-WORKS DISP-
Cut her off
THAT'S RIGHT!
NIGHT TIME!
FIRE-WORKS!!
YU-KATA!!
Tap

HEY!
Th-
THANKS FOR WAITING.

THE YU-
THOSE YUKATA LOOK GREAT ON YOU!
Ah!
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R-RIGHT, KAI?!
YE-YEAH.
Geez...
SHOULD WE GET GOING THEN?
THE FIREWORKS START IN AN HOUR, SO LET'S LOOK AROUND THE FESTIVAL IN THE MEANTIME!
HE SAID "YEAH."
I ... COULDN'T SAY IT...

You must compliment her outfit no matter what!
Otaga-sensei's one-point lesson...
I COMPLETELY BUTCHERED THAT ONE...
SEDUCTIVE, SEDUCTIVE...
S-SHOW SOME SKIN?
Ah, that's no good, it'd just make me look messy.
Enough of these perverted ideas!!
わらびもち
SOMETHING MORE... GROWN-UP AND FEMININE...
Should I have borrowed that pheromone perfume from Shuuko-chan?

That's it! I should act like her!
It's deli-cious
I NEED TO BE GRACEFUL!!
O... OKAY...
HIMARI -SAN...

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She must be hungry...
She doesn't look very energetic
HOW ABOUT A SNACK?
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SFX: Piping hot
Sign: Lottery
くじびき
OH, I WANNA TRY THIS!
but
It's yummy, but...

ISN'T WINNING ONE OF THOSE JUST AN URBAN LEGEND?
I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYONE WIN THOSE...
I'VE HEARD THEY'RE RIGGED SO YOU CAN NEVER WIN ANY OF THE BIGGER PRIZES.
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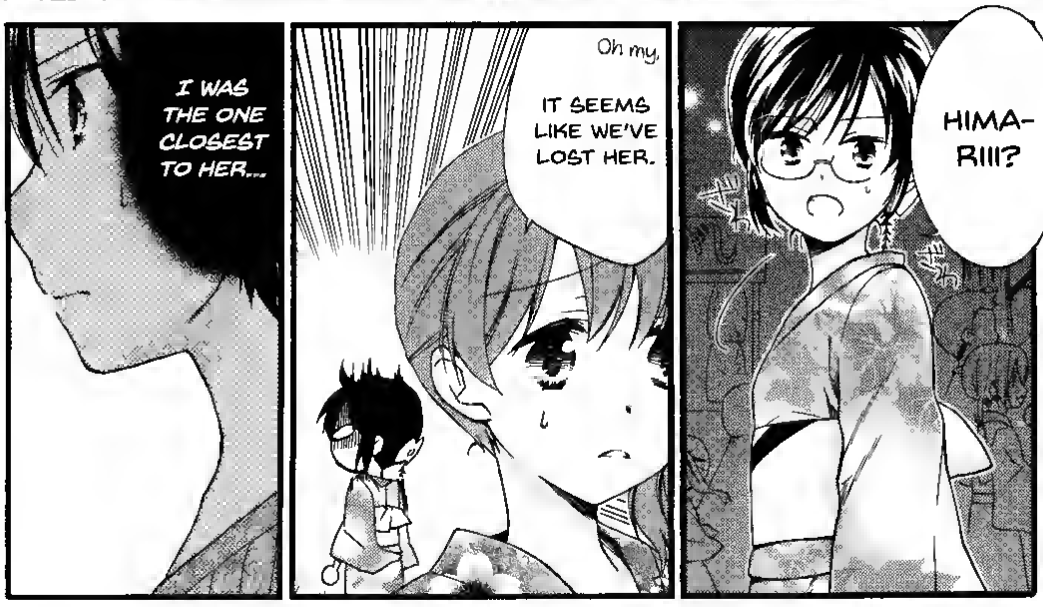
IT DOESN'T EVEN MATTER IF THERE'S NO CHANCE OF WINNING!
IT DOESN'T MATTER IF THE PRIZE BOX IS OLD AND FADED!
IT'S ABOUT THE ROMANCE OF IT!
AT A FESTIVAL LOTTERY, IT'S NOT ABOUT WINNING OR LOSING!
Wait up!
HEY...

OW-
Wait up already!
AH-
AH-
...A BEARD!!
AAAH!
Aah!
Aah!
...
AM I?
...WHERE

No signal
I'm a grown-up lady, and I even have technology on my side!
I-I need to calm down!!
Bwa ha ha ha
Flinch
EH?! E-
Come to think of it, I've heard that when there are a lot of people in one place, the... electromagnetic waves? They get all mixed up? And calls or texts can't get through!
illustration
Kids
ATTENTION PLEASE! WE ARE LOOKING FOR A LOST CHILD,
WEARING A BLUE T-SHIRT AND BLACK PANTS. HE IS A FIVE-YEAR-OLD BOY...
Ah
THE LOST CHILD CENTER...
.....
GOING THERE... WOULD BE A BIT...

SATORU -KUN... EVERY-ONE...
HUH?
HIMARI -SAN?


HIMA-RIII?
Oh my,
IT SEEMS LIKE WE'VE LOST HER.
I WAS THE ONE CLOSEST TO HER...

Okay
LET'S SPLIT UP AND SEARCH FOR HER.
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Keep in touch through texts
WE'LL MEET BACK HERE IN 30 MINUTES.
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Whether we find her or not
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I WONDER IF SHE GOT SEPARATED WHILE TRYING TO AVOID THOSE BOYS.
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I NEED TO FIND HIMARI...
Uuu...
Waah...
Cough Cough
HIMARI IS...

S-
SIIIIS...
SHE'S ALL ALONE RIGHT NOW!
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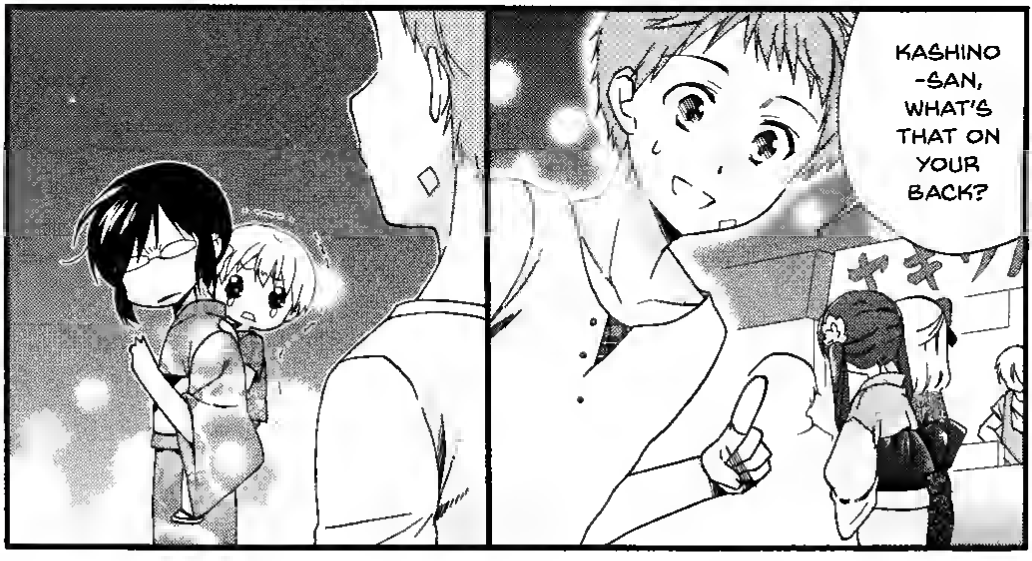

SO HE'S LOST TOO, HUH?

UWAAAH

Alright.
YUUDA!!
I COULDN'T LEAVE HIM THERE. I HAVE YOUNGER SIBLINGS MYSELF.
USE YOUR BIG SIS RADAR TO FIND YOUR SISTER!
YOU CAN LOOK FOR HER FROM UP HERE, OKAY?
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ALL RIGHT, LET'S MOVE OUT!
M-MOVE OUT!

I'VE GOT A LITTLE SISTER AT HOME TOO.
Donut holes

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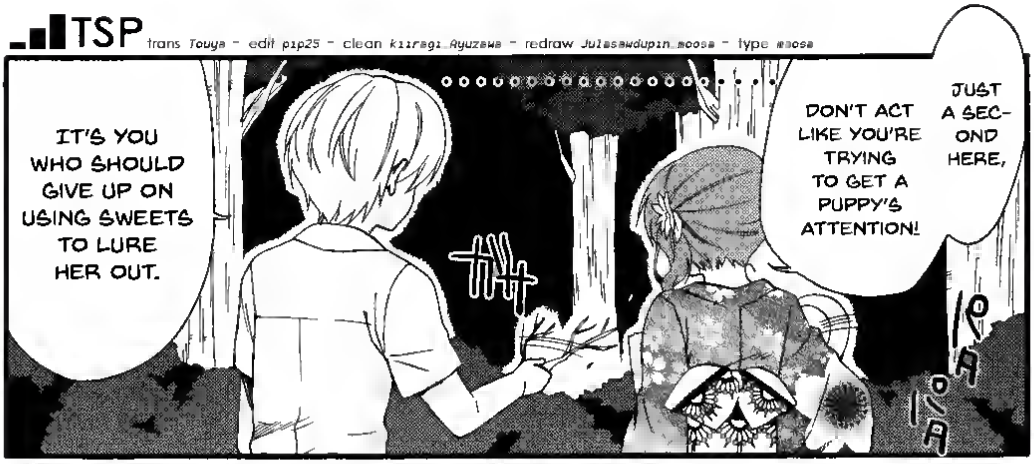
IT'S YOU WHO SHOULD GIVE UP ON USING SWEETS TO LURE HER OUT.
DON'T ACT LIKE YOU'RE TRYING TO GET A PUPPY'S ATTENTION!
JUST A SEC-OND HERE,

I'M SURE THE OTHERS ARE TRYING TO FIND ME...
CAUSING TROUBLE FOR EVERYONE... THERE SURE IS NOTHING WOMANLY ABOUT THAT!
I shouldn't have been so obsessed with my behavior and trying to act adult.
NO...
GOING BACK INTO THE CROWD...
IS KIND OF SCARY...
I'LL DO WHATEVER I CAN ON MY OWN.
AND IF ALL ELSE FAILS, I'LL GO TO THE LOST CHILD CENTER.

I'll consider what causes others the least amount of trouble.
Instead of my own feelings.
Umm... I think...
It doesn't matter if it's embarrassing.
I'LL START BY TRYING TO SEND A MESSAGE AGAIN.
WHAT A MATURE PERSON WOULD DO.
THAT MUST BE
This should be it.

WAIT FOR ME!
...OKAY!